Jim Leach
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108th Congress of the United States

Congressman James A. Leach Republican Second District of Iowa

Elected to the 95th Congress (November, 1976) and each succeeding Congress

Committees

Member, Committee on International Relations Chairman Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs Member, Committee on Financial Services

Memberships

Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus, Chairman 1983 – 1984
The Century Foundation, Vice Chairman of the Board
Center for the Study of the Presidency, Congressional Advisory Group
The Cosmos Club
Congressional Arts Caucus, Secretary 1983 -- 1994
The Constitutional Forum, Co-Chairman 1993 – 1998
Parliamentarians for Global Action, President 1991 – 1993
Partnership for Public Service, Advisory Board of Governors
Princeton University, Board of Trustees
Project Vote Smart, Founding Board Member
Ripon Society, Chairman 1981 – 1988
U.S. Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the United Nations, Co-Chairman 1991 – 1993
Virginia Theological Seminary, Board of Trustees

Honorary Degrees:

Iowa Wesleyan College
Marycrest College
St. Ambrose University
Mt. Mercy College
Luther College
Coe College
Virginia Theological Seminary

Awards:

The Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics Award

The Woodrow Wilson Award, Johns Hopkins University

The Adlai Stevenson Award, The Chicago Bar Association

The Poverello Award, Mt. St. Clare College

Congressional Award for Commitment to the Principles of the U.N. Charter, The United Nations Association

Charles Dick Medal of Merit, U.S. National Guard Association

Edgar Wayburn Award, The Sierra Club

2002 Leadership Award, Global AIDS Alliance

Elected to the Wrestling Hall of Fame, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Newton, Iowa

Professional Experience

1973-1976 Flamegas Companies, Inc. Bettendorf, Iowa, President

1973-1976 Adel Wholesalers, Inc., Bettendorf, Iowa, Chairman of the Board

1975-1976 Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Director, Midwest Region

1975-1976 U.S. Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs, Member

1971-1972 Foreign Service Officer assigned to Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

United Nations General Assembly, Delegate

Geneva Disarmament Conference, Delegate

1969-1970 Special Assistant to Donald Rumsfeld, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity

1968-1969 Foreign Service Officer, Department of State

1965-1966 Staff, Congressman Donald Rumsfeld

Education

1966-1968 London School of Economics, Research student in Economics and Soviet Politics

1964-1966 School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Master of Arts Degree in Soviet Politics

1960-1964 Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts Degree (cumlaude) in Political Science

1947-1960 Elementary and secondary education in public school system of Davenport, Iowa

Member of Davenport High School football and wrestling teams

1960 Iowa High School State Wrestling Champion for weight division

1989 Honorary Doctor of Public Service, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa

1985 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa

Personal Data

Born October 15, 1942, in Davenport, Iowa.

Resides in Iowa City with wife, Elisabeth (Deba), son, Gallagher and daughter, Jenny